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FAREWELL
TO XAVIER



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SOMEWHERE.

FOR YEARS, THIS WAS A PLACE
WHERE AN ARCHITECT FOR A
BETTER TOMORROW SOUGHT
TO DESIGN A WORLD FREE OF
GENETIC ADVERSITY.

NOW...

... AFTER
ONSLAUGHT...

... AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF NEARLY THIRTY OF EARTH'S
MIGHTIEST HEROES...

DESIGNATE:
PROFESSOR X

BIOMUTATIVE
CLASSIFICATION:
**TELEPATH, LEVEL
AAALPHA/1**

PROJECTED
PSYCHOPHYSIC
LIMITS:
NONAPPLICABLE

... THIS INNER SANCTUM
HAS BECOME SOMETHING
MORE AKIN TO A TOMB.

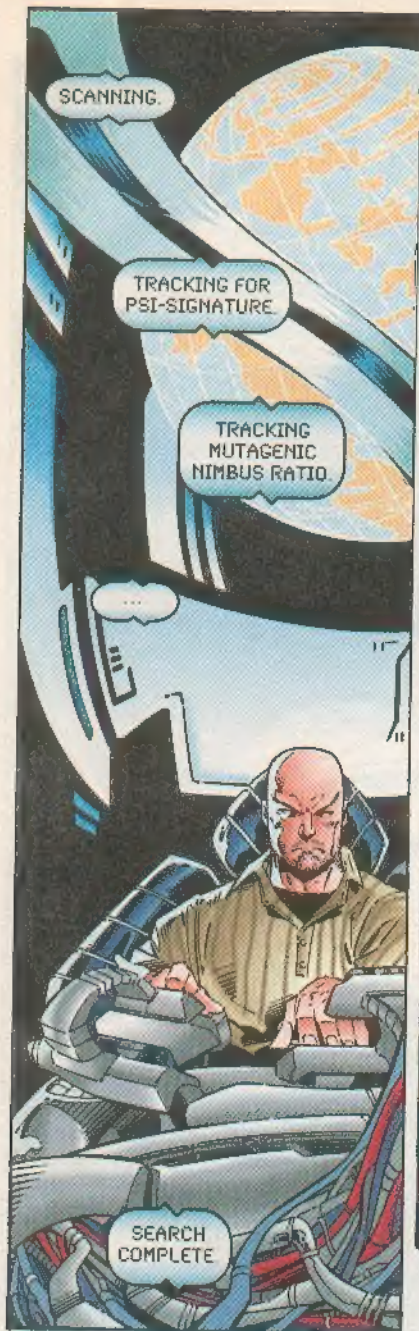
CEREBROP

OPERATIVE.

LOCATE:
PROFESSOR
CHARLES FRANCIS
XAVIER.

FIND: X
PROTOCOL

SEARCH



SCANNING.

TRACKING FOR
PSI-SIGNATURE

TRACKING
MUTAGENIC
NIMBUS RATIO

SEARCH
COMPLETE



MUTANT DESIGNATE:
PROFESSOR X --

-- NO LONGER
EXISTS.



THIS IS THE MOST
SOPHISTICATED
MUTANT TRACKING
SYSTEM KNOWN
TO MAN...

...DESIGNED
EVEN TO LOCATE
THOSE MEMBERS OF
HOMO SAPIEN
SUPERIOR WHO HAVE
NOT YET MANIFESTED
THEIR AWESOME
POWERS.

WHICH
MEANS I MUST
ACCEPT THE
TRUTH.

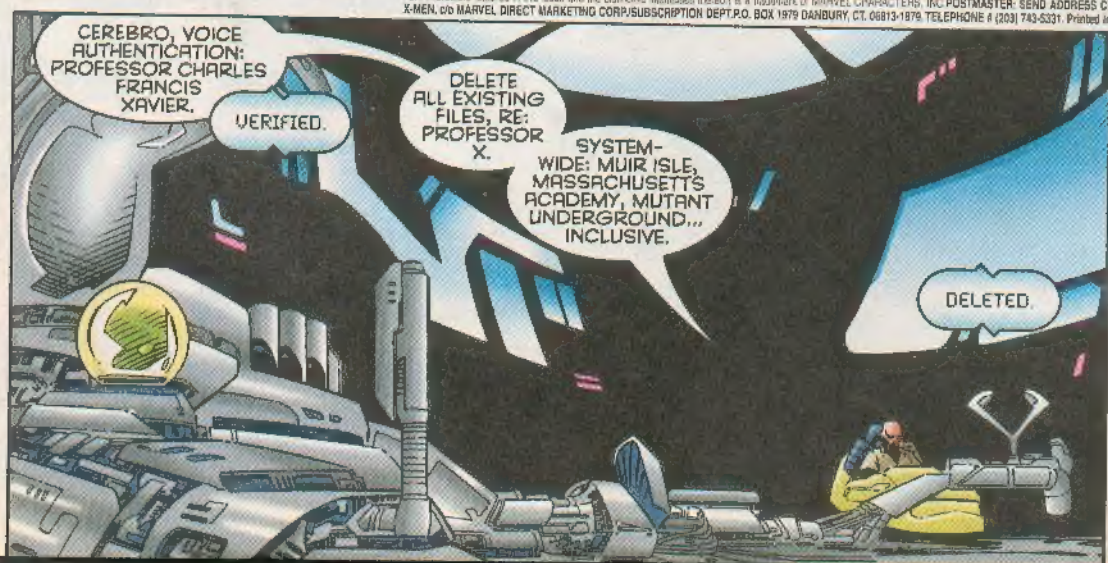
MY
ENCOUNTER
WITH *ONSLAUGHT*
HAS LEFT ME
COMPLETELY
POWERLESS.



FOR ALL
INTENTS AND
PURPOSES, MY
MUTANT
TELEPATHIC
ABILITIES...

... ARE
GONE.

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CEREBRO, VOICE
AUTHENTICATION:
PROFESSOR CHARLES
FRANCIS
XAVIER.

VERIFIED.

DELETE
ALL EXISTING
FILES, RE:
PROFESSOR
X.

SYSTEM-
WIDE: MUIR ISLE,
MASSACHUSETTS
ACADEMY, MUTANT
UNDERGROUND...
INCLUSIVE.

DELETED.

LESS THAN A HUNDRED METERS OVERHEAD...

...NATURE OFFERS TESTIMONY THAT IT IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF INSURING ITS OWN TOMORROWS.

LOOK AT HIS PLACE.

FROM THE MOMENT THE PLANET BECAME A "WORLD WITHOUT HEROES" --

-- THE X-MEN AND A HANDFUL OF OTHERS HAVE BEEN WORKING NONSTOP IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE.

WE'VE BARELY BEGUN TO MAKE...

...REPAIRS.

"REPAIRS."

WHAT AN EMPTY WORD.

AS IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN SAY OR DO THAT WOULD REPAIR THE DAMAGE I UNKNOWINGLY UNLEASHED UPON THE WORLD.

NOT TO MENTION WHAT I TOOK FROM THE X-MEN, X-FACTOR, X-FORCE, EXCALIBUR, GENERATION X... ALL OF THEM...

I TOOK THEIR FAITH... THEIR TRUST, AND THAT DAMAGE COULD VERY WELL BE IRREPARABLE.

ding
ping DING
d-ching

-- EHP THE DOOR-BELL.

THE GREETING HALL HERE AT THE XAVIER INSTITUTE...

SINCE NONE OF THE ALARMS WENT OFF --
-- IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME OUR VISITOR IS A FRIEND.

HELLO, MR. SUMMERS.

DO YOU ALWAYS ANSWER THE DOOR AS CYCLOPS, SCOTT?
ONE WOULD THINK IT AN INEXCUSABLE BREACH OF SECURITY.

WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES, DR. COOPER.

I SUPPOSE, VAL, IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT YOU'RE HERE WITH NEWS ABOUT MY BROTHER.

SCOTT'S BROTHER ALEX WAS LAST SEEN AS A THRALL OF ONSLAUGHT - Bob

SORRY, NO.

HAVOK IS STILL AMONG THE MISSING.

WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN HE'S MAKING A GREAT EFFORT NOT TO BE FOUND.

I'M NOT HERE ON X-FACTOR BUSINESS, CYCLOPS...

... RATHER, I'VE COME IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON MUTANT AFFAIRS.

I'M HERE TO TAKE PROFESSOR XAVIER.

STAN LEE PRESENTS THE UNGAUNNY X-MEN IN

SCOTT LOBBELL WRITER
ANDY HUBERT PENCILS
ART THIBERTINKS
RICHARD STARHINDS and
COMICRAFT AD LETTERS
JOE ROSAS COLORS
MALIBU ENHANCEMENT
BOB HARRAS EDITOR and CHIEF

"S' FUNNY, VAL.
EVER SINCE
I TOPPLED OVER
THE EDGE AWHILE
BACK --
-- WENT
FULL THROTTLE
FERAL AND
ALL --
-- MY
SENSES
HAVE GOTTEN
EVEN MORE
HEIGHTENED."

"YOUR
POINT,
WOLVERINE?"

"MUSTA MIS-
UNDERSTOOD
YOU.
YOU
MEANT TO
SAY YOU CAME
TO "TALK TO"
CHUCK.
RIGHT?"

"LOGAN,
DON'T MAKE
THIS ANY
HARDER THAN
IT IS."



HOW MANY MORE O' THESE VIDEO TAPES O' GRAYDON CREED'S SPEECHES DO WE HAVETA WATCH, BOBBY?

INTERESTING QUESTION, SAM.

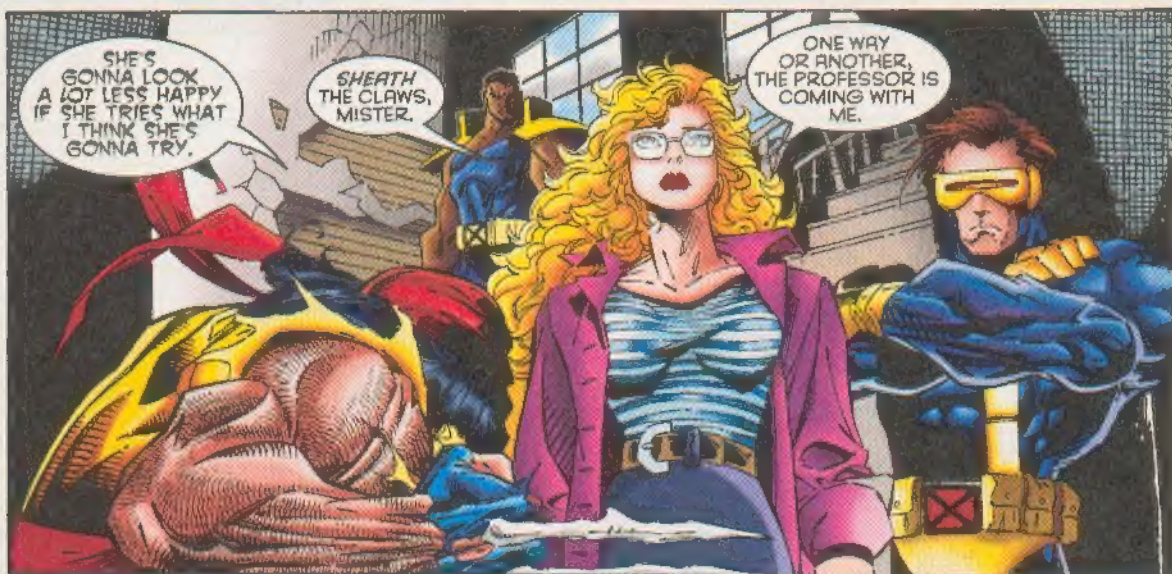
VALP

ICEMAN.

NICE DO.

MY HAIR ALWAYS CURLS UNLESS I DRY IT WHEN I GET OUT OF THE SHOWER.

AND THE TRADEMARKED GRIMACE?



SHE'S GONNA LOOK A LOT LESS HAPPY IF SHE TRIES WHAT I THINK SHE'S GONNA TRY.

SHEATH THE CLAWS, MISTER.

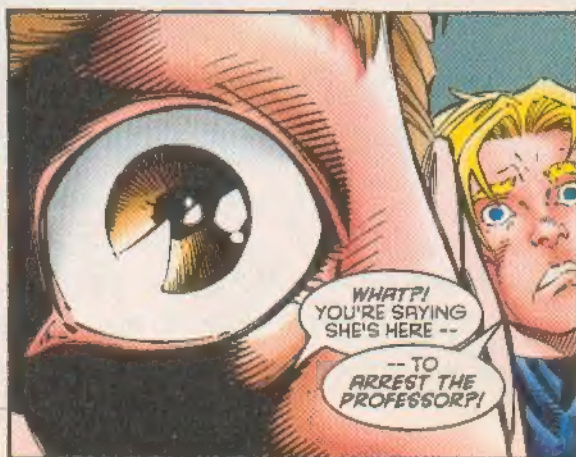
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THE PROFESSOR IS COMING WITH ME.



WHATEVER PROVOCATION AUTHORITY YOU CITE --

-- OR THE AUTHORITY YOU PROFFER --

-- XAVIER WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM HIS HOME AGAINST HIS WILL.



WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING SHE'S HERE --

-- TO ARREST THE PROFESSOR?

AT EASE,
WOLVERINE...
BISHOP.

THANK
YOU,
CYCLOPS.

I
KNEW YOU --
AT LEAST -- WOULD
LISTEN TO
REASON.

ACTUALLY,
VAL, THERE'S
NOTHING TO
DEBATE.

XAVIER
STAYS.

PERIOD.

IT IS
NOT A TOPIC
OPEN FOR
DISCUSSION.

INDEED.

DON'T
LET THE
DOOR HIT YOU
ON THE WAY
OUT.

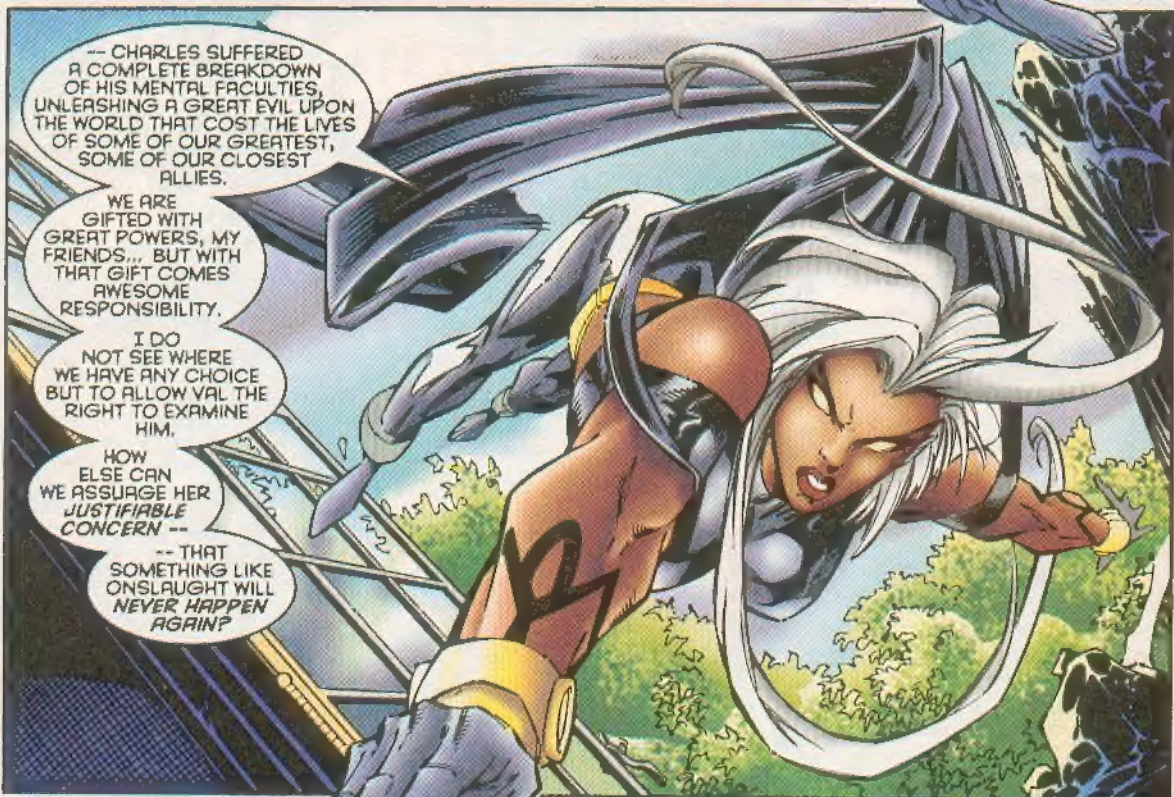
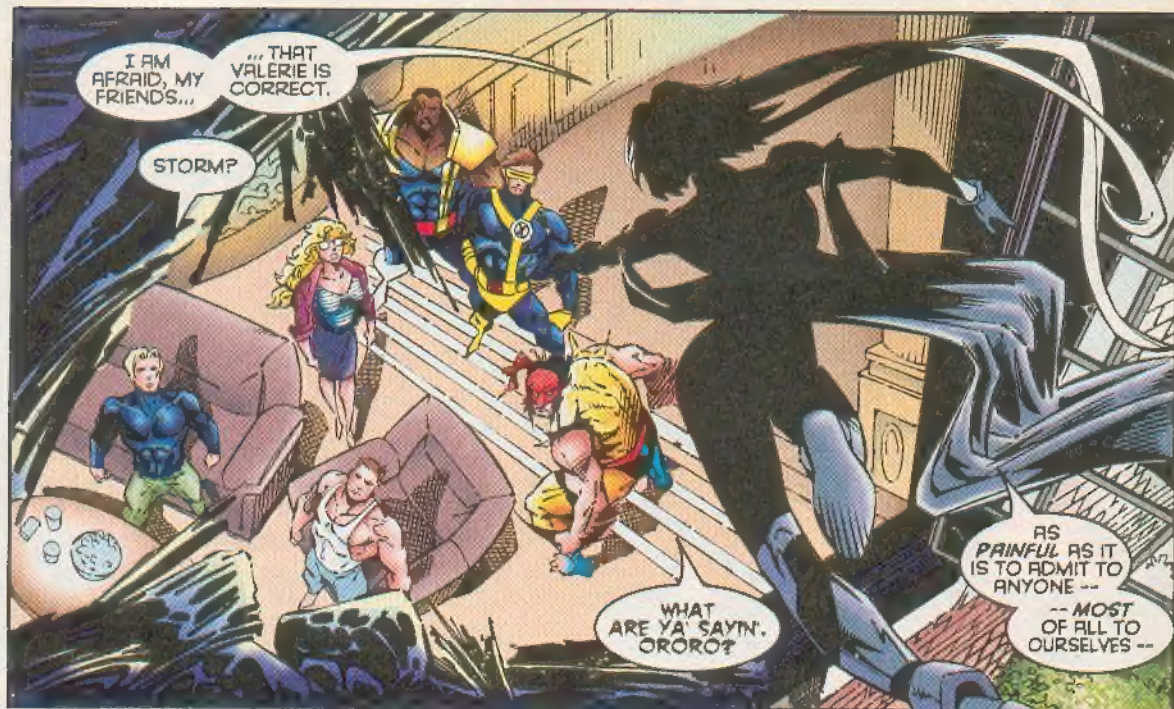
LOOK,
X-MEN. I'M AS
MUCH FOR TEAM SPIRIT
AND WATCHING EACH
OTHER'S BACK AS THE
NEXT PERSON...

... BUT
YOU'RE BLINDING
YOURSELF TO THE
FACTS OF LIFE... NOT
TO MENTION THE FACTS
OF THE LAST FEW
DAYS.

LIKE IT OR
NOT, I'VE COME
HERE TO TAKE
CHARLES XAVIER
INTO PROTECTIVE
CUSTODY.

FOR HIS
OWN SAKE... AS
WELL AS FOR THE
SAFETY OF THE
REST OF THE
WORLD.





AT THAT
MOMENT...

IN MANHATTAN,
SPECIFICALLY,
GREENWICH
VILLAGE.

WASHINGTON
SQUARE PARK...

...THE X-MAN KNOWN
AS THE BEAST MIGHT
AS WELL BE A WORLD
AWAY FROM THE DEBATE
THAT RAGES AT HOME.

MAYBE IT'S THE
WARM SUMMER
DAY.

MAYBE IT'S THE
IMAGE INDUCER
WHICH HIDES HIS
BLUE FURRED
SKIN.

OR MAYBE IT'S
JUST BECAUSE
DR. HENRY
MC COY IS...

...FREE.

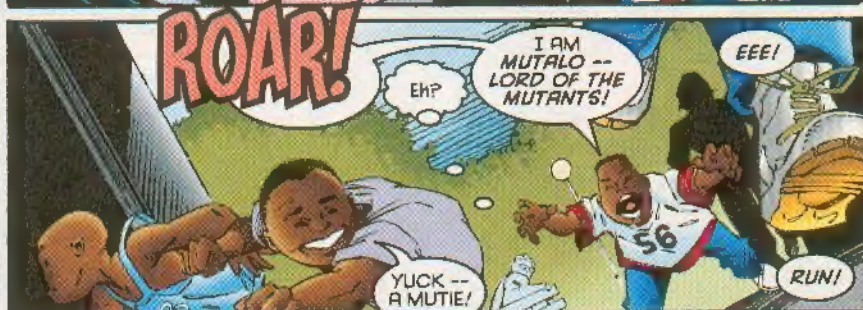
SPLendiferous.



IT'S THE
ONLY APPROPRIATE
APPELLATION WHICH
COMES TO MIND
WHEN --

-- WHEN
DESCRIBING
THE CITY, AND THE
POPULACE PLACED
HERE, POST-
ONSLAUGHT.

WELL,
THAT... AND
RESILIENT.



ROAR!

EHP?

I AM
MUTALO --
LORD OF THE
MUTANTS!

EEE!

YUCK --
A MUTIE!

RUN!



NO ONE
CAN FLEE THE
FEARSOME
FANGS OF --

OOW!

PRETENDING TO
BE A MUTANT IS VILE
AND DISGUSTING,
MONTE!

AND
I WON'T
HAVE IT!

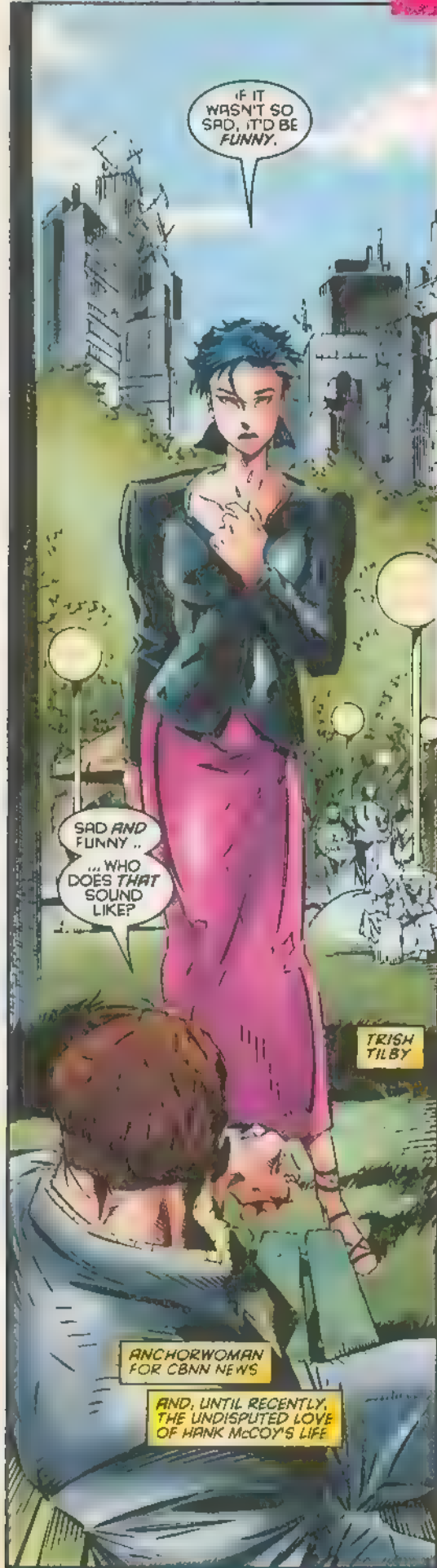


RAWWW.
MOM.

HAVE
SOME SELF-
RESPECT!

RESILIENT.

AS IN
"IT NEVER
CHANGES."



IF IT
WASN'T SO
SAD, IT'D BE
FUNNY.

SAD AND
FUNNY ..
... WHO
DOES THAT
SOUND LIKE?

TRISH
TILBY

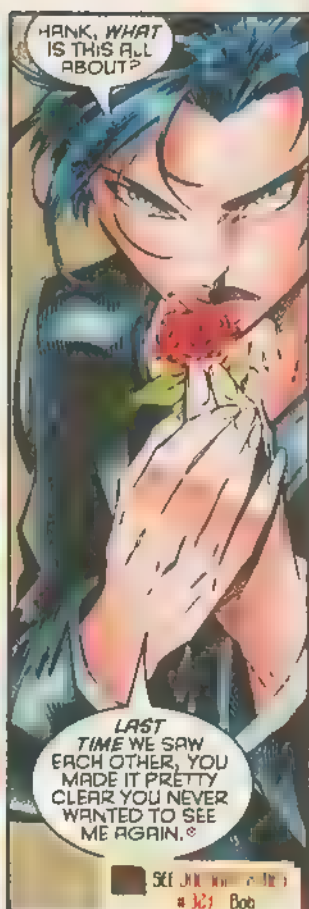
ANCHORWOMAN
FOR CBNN NEWS

AND, UNTIL RECENTLY,
THE UNDISPUTED LOVE
OF HANK MCCOY'S LIFE



TRISH THANKS
FOR COMING... I
WASN'T SURE IF
YOU GOT MY
MESSAGES

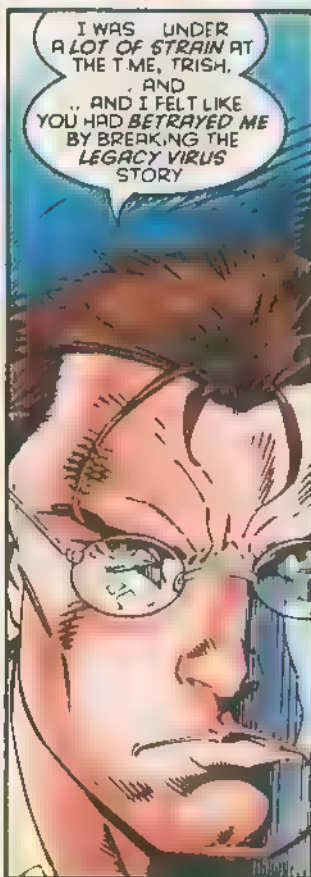
I
DID
ALL OF
THEM



HANK, WHAT
IS THIS ALL
ABOUT?

LAST
TIME WE SAW
EACH OTHER, YOU
MADE IT PRETTY
CLEAR YOU NEVER
WANTED TO SEE
ME AGAIN.®

SEE YOU AGAIN
321 Bob



I WAS UNDER
A LOT OF STRAIN AT
THE TIME, TRISH.
AND
... AND I FELT LIKE
YOU HAD BETRAYED ME
BY BREAKING THE
LEGACY VIRUS
STORY



Oh,
HANK, I
WAS ONLY
DOING --

TRISH,
PLEASE.
HEAR
ME OUT

SOMETHING
HAPPENED TO ME,
RECENTLY.

ACTUALLY, I
WAS KIDNAPPED AND HELD
PRISONER BY A NEFARIOUS
DOPPELGÄNGER FROM ANOTHER
TIMELINE WHO THEN PROCEEDED
TO IMPERSONATE ME
FOR WEEKS.

BUT THAT'S
BESIDE THE POINT.
SUFFICE IT TO SAY I WAS IN
A... SITUATION... WHERE
I FOUND MYSELF WITH
A LOT OF TIME TO
THINK.

AND
THINK.

AND
THEN, TO
THINK SOME
MORE.

I WOULD JUST
CONCENTRATE
ON THOSE THINGS
IN LIFE THAT ARE
MOST IMPORTANT
TO ME.

BEING A
MUTANT...?

FOR
BETTER OR
WORSE, THAT'S
FATE, A
GIVEN.

BEING AN
X-MAN... DOING
MY PART TO "SAVE
THE WORLD"? IT'S NOT
ALWAYS FUN, BUT IT'S
IMPORTANT.

I'M
EVEN GOOD
AT IT.

BUT
BEING A MAN...
KNOWING WHEN TO
SAY I WAS
WRONG?

WHEN
TO SAY "I'M
SORRY..."

... WHEN
TO SAY
"I LOVE
YOU"?

THOSE
ARE THINGS
I NEED TO
PRACTICE.



IF WE'RE EACH GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR OPINIONS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE PROFESSOR...

... I HAVE TO AGREE WITH STORM, WITH VAL

JEAN?

I WAS INSIDE CHARLES' MIND. I EXPERIENCED HIS TRAUMA FIRSTHAND.

AS A PSI, I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT MAY BE YEARS BEFORE THE PROFESSOR IS ABLE TO SEPARATE WHICH WERE HIS THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES AND MOTIVATIONS --

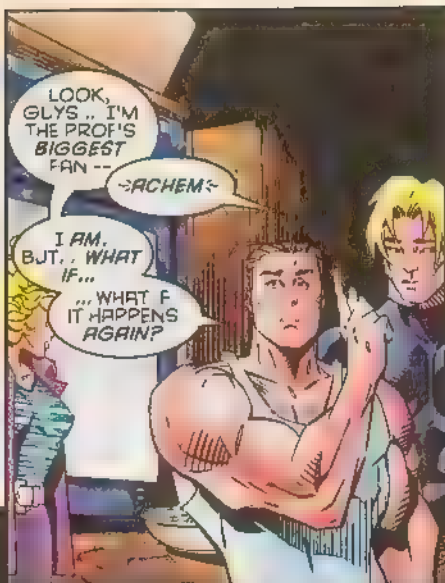
-- FROM THOSE CREATED BY ONSLAUGHT

FOR A MUTANT WHOSE POWER IS THE VERY STRENGTH OF HIS MIND...

THE AFTEREFFECT MUST BE DEVASTATING.

IN ITS OWN WAY, IT'S WORSE THAN DEATH.

BELIEVE ME.



LOOK, GLYS.. I'M THE PROF'S BIGGEST FAN --

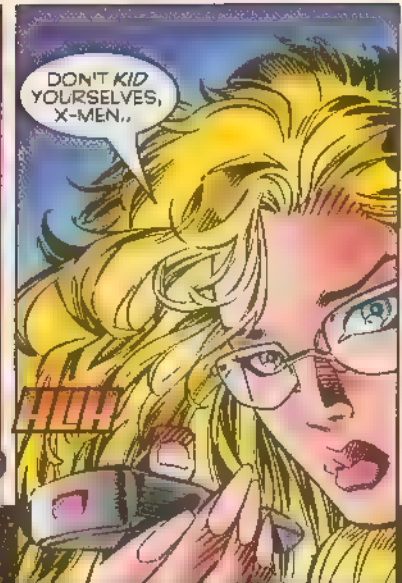
-ACHEM-

I AM, BUT... WHAT IF...

...WHAT IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN?



NO REASON TO ASK THAT QUEST ON, DRAKE...



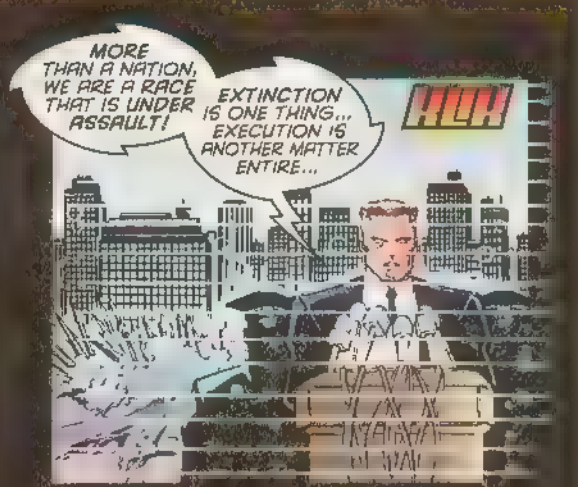
DON'T KID YOURSELVES, X-MEN...

HLH



EXPERTS BELIEVE IT WILL BE WELL INTO THE NEXT DECADE BEFORE THE DAMAGE DONE TO NEW YORK...

HLH



MORE THAN A NATION, WE ARE A RACE THAT IS UNDER ASSAULT!

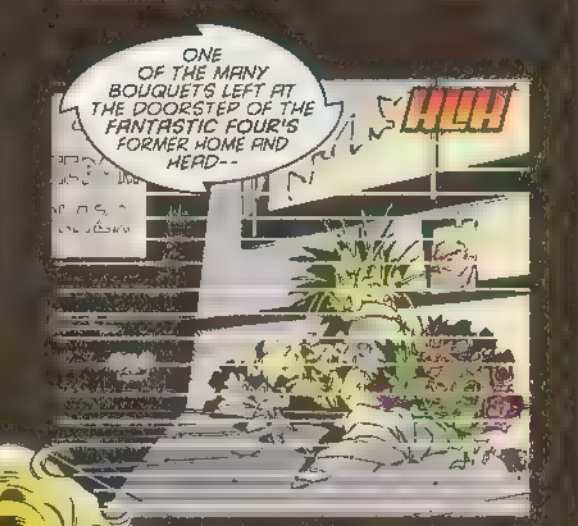
EXTINCTION IS ONE THING... EXECUTION IS ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRE...

HLH



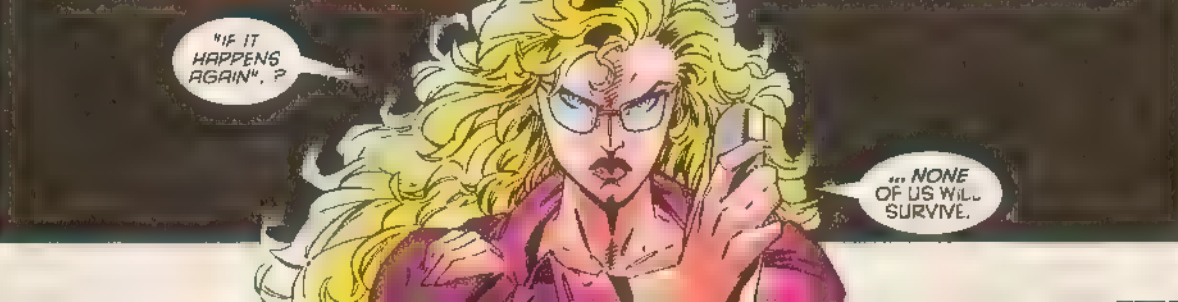
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THOSE LOST IN BATTLE, AS WE BECOME A WORLD WITHOUT HEROES WHO CAN...

HLH



ONE OF THE MANY BOUQUETS LEFT AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S FORMER HOME AND HEAD--

HLH



"IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN". ?

... NONE OF US WILL SURVIVE.

A THAT
MOMENT

HIGH ABOVE
THE STREETS OF
MANHATTAN...

WHAT
WAS I, A
WEEK AGO
NOW
TWO?

WAS IN THIS
RESTAURANT
WHEN THE STORY
BROKE "SENTINELS
EN ROUTE TO
NEW YORK"

I REMEMBER
SEEING STORM AND
CANNONBALL AND
JUST FEELING IN MY
GUT --

-- THIS TIME
IT WAS GOING TO
BE WORSE, FOR
EVERYONE.

SOMETIMES
I HATE ALWAYS
BEING RIGHT.

J. JONAH
JAMESON --
PUBLISHER OF
THE DAILY BUGLE

YOU'RE
LATE.

MR
JAMESON,
YOU'VE BEEN
MAKING
INQUIRIES.

YOU AND
YOUR PAPER
HAVE SHOWN AN
UNHEALTHY INTEREST
IN PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE
GRAYDON
CREED.

I
REPRESENT
PEOPLE WHO
WOULD LIKE YOU
TO STOP.

NOW.

BASTION,
RIGHT?

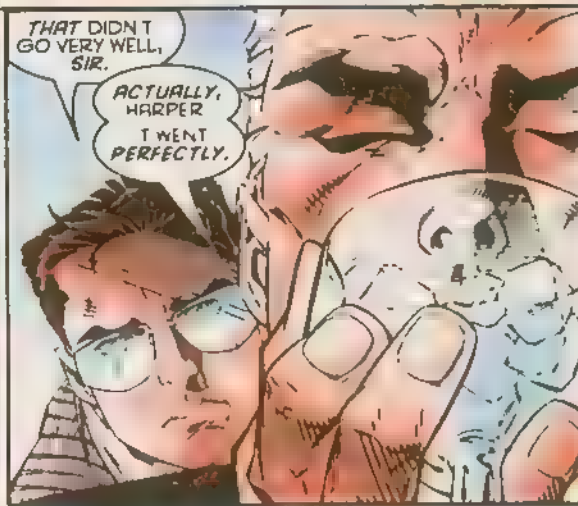
CORRECT.

IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO INTIMIDATE
ME, YOU'RE WASTING
EVERYONE'S
TIME.

I
DON'T DO
SCARED.

I'M
AWARE OF
THAT

IN
FACT, I FEEL
COMFORTABLE
SAYING THERE IS
VERY LITTLE I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
YOU...



IF I MIGHT BE SO BOLD... IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU ARE SEEKING TO PUNISH THIS MAN FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DO

MAGNETO?!

YOU PEOPLE ARE HARBORING... MAGNETO?

WE AIN'T HARBORING ANYBODY

THE KID'S JUST STAYING HERE UNTIL HE GETS HIS HEAD TOGETHER

VA, DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT PUNISHING ANYONE, JOSEPH

JOSEPH WHO IS JOSEPH?

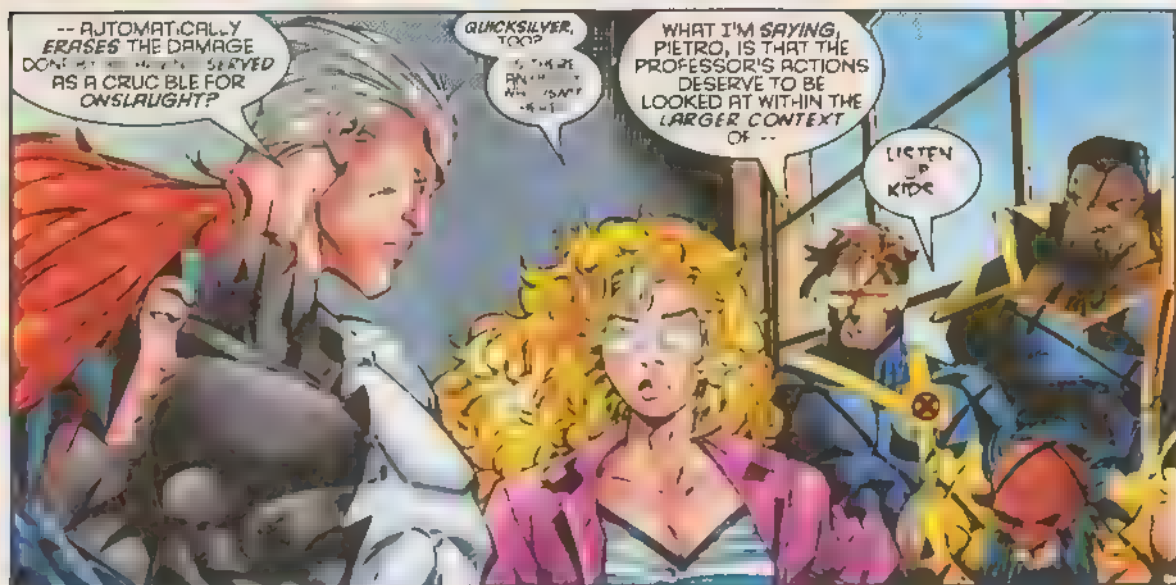
ALL THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING IS ASKING FOR ASSURANCE THAT THE THREAT OF ONSLAUGHT IS OVER.

I THINK WE OWE THEM THAT

AND WHAT ABOUT WHAT WE OWE PROFESSOR XAVIER, JEAN?

AND WHAT ABOUT THE DEBT THE WORLD OWES HIM FOR HAVING SAVED THE WORLD A HUNDRED TIMES OVER?

HE'S MADE A LOT OF SACRIFICES OVER THE YEARS --



AND HAVE I SUDDENLY
BECOME SO OLD AND
INFIRM THAT I HAVE
NO SAY IN ANY OF
THIS?

PROFESSOR,
SIR, WE WEREN'T
TRYING TO MAKE
YOUR DECISIONS
FOR YOU. WE
WERE --

YOU WERE
ONLY TRYING TO
PROTECT ME, SCOTT...
THE SAME WAY I'VE
TRIED TO PROTECT
ALL OF YOU OVER
THE YEARS.

QUITE A
QUANDARY WE
HAVE HERE,
ACTUALLY.

MANY WAYS,
THE X-MEN WERE
CREATED IN PART
TO PROTECT THE
WORLD FROM
THREATS
POSED BY
MUTANTS.

NOW
HERE I AM... THE
MAN WHO FOUNDED
THE X-MEN... POSING
POTENTIALLY THE
GREATEST THREAT
OF ALL

NONETHELESS,
YOU ARE DETERMINED
TO STAND BY
ME.

I
WANT YOU TO
KNOW THAT IT'S
APPRECIATED.

AND
UNNECESSARY.



I AGREE
WITH Dr.
COOPER.

WHA --P!

...P!



WE
WON'T STAND
HERE AND SEE
YOU TAKEN AWAY
AGAINST YOUR
WILL, SIR!

NONE
OF US WILL.
CHUCK! WE'LL
FIGHT
EVERY --

BISHOP,
WOLVERINE,
YOU HEARD
HIM. LET IT
GO.

HE'S
MADE HIS
OWN
CHOICE.



LOOK, PEOPLE -- I'M ALL FOR
LOYALTY, BUT THE TRUTH OF
THE MATTER IS...

... THERE'S STILL A LOT
WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT
THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE A
TELEPATH LIKE XAVIER CAN
DO TO HIMSELF AND
OTHERS.

ONSLAUGHT WAS
PERHAPS THE FIRST EXAMPLE.
WHAT IF THERE WERE OTHER,
EVEN MORE POWERFUL
MANIFESTATIONS?

WE OWE IT
TO THE WORLD --
AS RESPONSIBLE
BEINGS -- TO MAKE
SURE THAT NEVER
HAPPENS.

AND I
AM TO BE
LEFT...

... BLAMELESS?



YES, JOSEPH, YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SECOND CHANCE. MAKE THE BEST OF IT. BUT I -- I HAVE DONE THINGS IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, WHICH I **SHOULD** NOT HAVE DONE.

THINGS THAT I WILL **SOMEDAY** BE CALLED ON TO ANSWER FOR -- BOTH IN MY **HEART**, AS WELL AS A **COURT OF LAW**.

AFTER EVERYTHING I **PUT YOU THROUGH** -- AFTER THE **DAMAGE** I'VE DONE TO ALL WE'VE **WORKED TO ACCOMPLISH...**

I... DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY CAN MEAN NOW...

... BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I COULD NOT BE ANY MORE **PROUD** OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

WE HAVE **AWESOME POWERS**, MY X-MEN, IT IS OUR **BIRTHRIGHT**... AND, PERHAPS, OUR **BURDEN**.

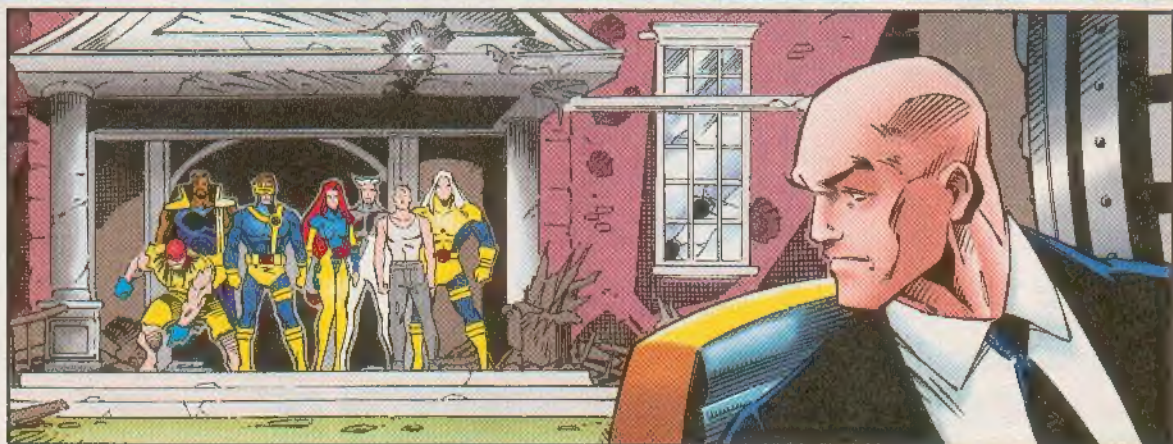
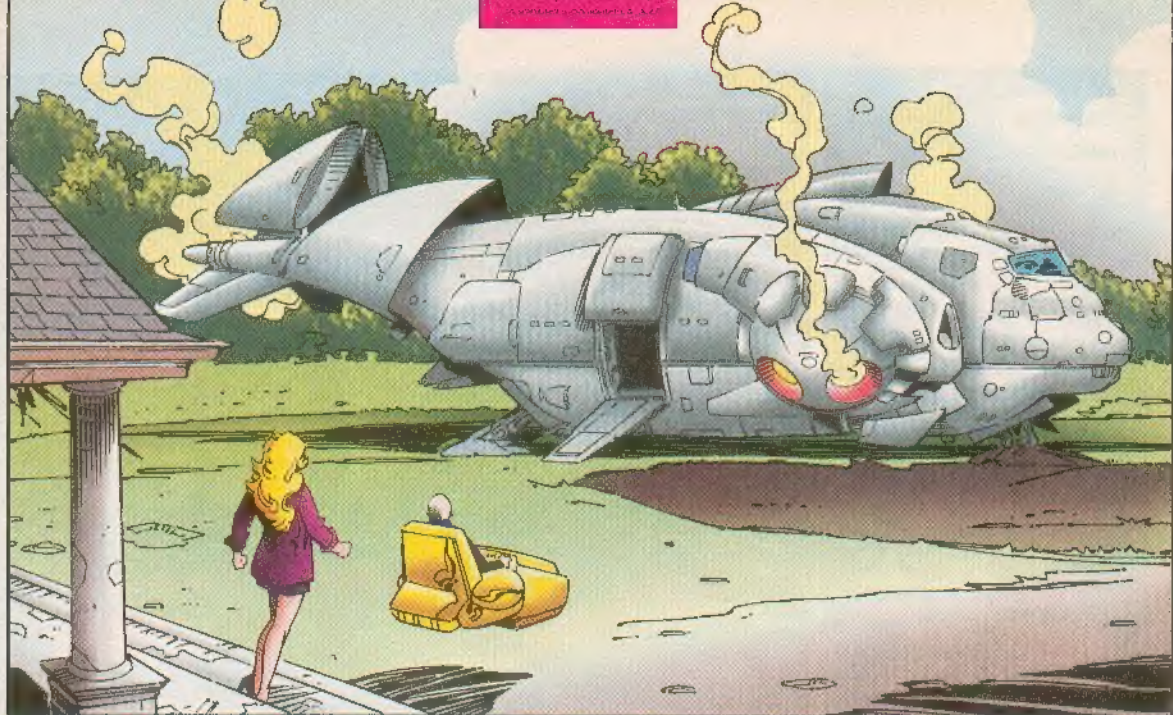
BUT, AS VALERIE SAID, WITH THAT POWER COMES **RESPONSIBILITY** -- AND ALSO **ACCOUNTABILITY**.

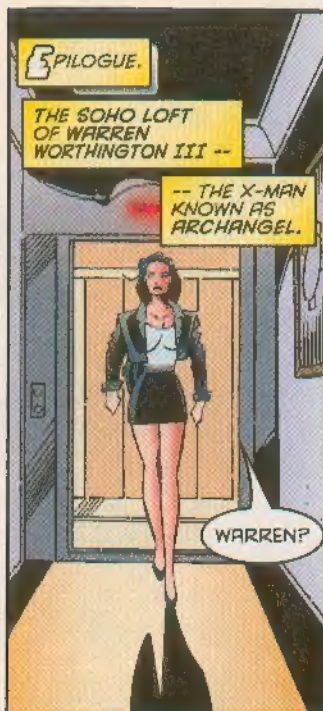
I OWE IT TO THE **FANTASTIC FOUR**... THE **AVENGERS**... TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INJURED BY ONSLAUGHT TO GO NOW. IT IS THE **RIGHT** THING TO DO. IT IS THE **BEST** THING TO DO.



AND NOW, VALERIE...

... IF YOU PLEASE, LET US GO.



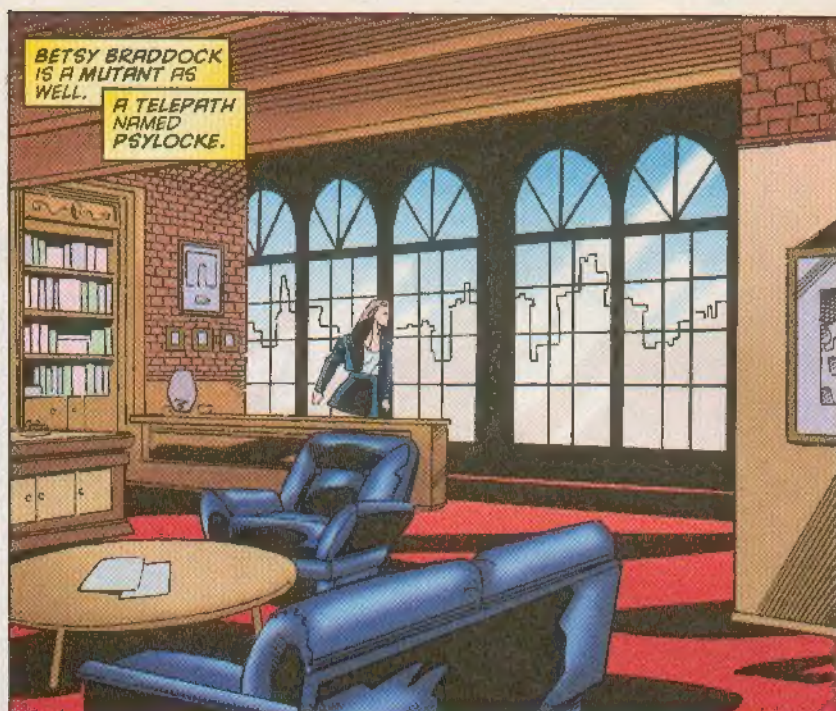


PILOQUE.

THE SOHO LOFT
OF WARREN
WORTHINGTON III --

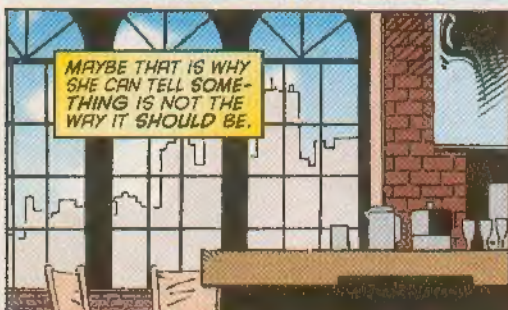
-- THE X-MAN
KNOWN AS
ARCHANGEL.

WARREN?

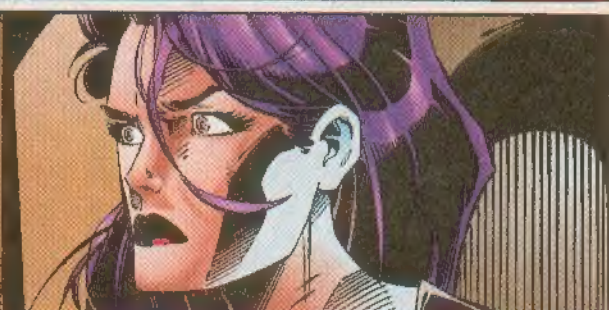


BETSY BRADDOCK
IS A MUTANT AS
WELL.

A TELEPATH
NAMED
PSYLOCKE.



MAYBE THAT IS WHY
SHE CAN TELL SOME-
THING IS NOT THE
WAY IT SHOULD BE.



BUT UPON ENTERING
HIS ROOM TO DISCOVER
HIM GONE, SHE WONDERS
IF SOMETHING HAS GONE
TRAGICALLY WRONG...



... OR IF PERHAPS
SOMETHING IS...

... AT LONG
LAST...



... RIGHT?

NEXT:
GAMBIT vs. JOSEPH

(AND CHECK OUT
UNCANNY X-MEN #338
FOR WHAT COULD BE
THE RETURN OF THE
HIGH-FLYING ANGEL)